

200 WOMEN KILLED BY TURKS.

FOUR MORE VILLAGES ARE DESTROYED.

Insurgents Defeat Turks in Three Engagements—A Report That Bulgarians Had Crossed the Turkish Frontier Is Apparently Untrue—Talk Is Still of War.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
SOFIA, Sept. 18.—Despatches received to-day corroborate prior reports of the wholesale massacre by Turkish troops at Kastoria. They say that the town is still burning.

The massacre of the population was terrible beyond description, the Turks slaughtering Bulgarians and Greeks, men, women and children, indiscriminately.

Advices received here state that the Turkish frontier guards are lying in trenches

in anticipation of a Bulgarian attack. The Bulgarian reserves have been called out and they have started to join their respective regiments amid scenes of great enthusiasm. Trains entering Turkey from Bulgaria are now stopped at the town of Mustapha. Both passengers and luggage are rigorously

searched and forwarded to their destination by another train. Bulgarian passengers are not permitted to proceed further, but are detained over night and are then sent back to Bulgaria.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The Monastir correspondent of the Daily Mail writes strongly

"It appears that the reported massacre at Kastoria is an old affair. It occurred on Aug. 7, when seventy Christians were

The same correspondent sends a fresh list of barbarities, which he says are thoroughly authenticated. Eighteen children, he says, were burned to death in a bake

Fifty women and children who had fled to the mountains, returned to the village under stress of starvation and were murdered by the soldiers. Fourteen old men who were working in the fields at Resna

were murdered by bashi-bazouks and four villages near Krushevo were destroyed and many of the inhabitants massacred.

The correspondent, apparently through the action of Sir N. O'Connor, the British Ambassador to Turkey, has been allowed

Macedonian reports received at Sofia state that the Turks have been severely defeated by the insurgents in engagements near Kratavo, near Seres and near Jerman, suffering severe losses.

the Balkans. A report which was circulated in Vienna late last night that fighting had begun, the Bulgarians having crossed the Turkish frontier, cannot be confirmed and is apparently untrue. The Bulgarian agent at Vienna denied any

Nevertheless, the inevitableness of war between Bulgaria and Turkey continues to be asserted in various quarters. A Constantinople telegram of yesterday's date asserts that the Turkish High Military

The renewed assurances by Bulgaria that the mobilization of her reserves on the frontier is merely to prevent sympathizers

with the insurgents from crossing and joining them does not satisfy the Porte, and the situation is extremely serious.

Another Constantinople despatch declares that a decision has been reached to invade Roumelia on the slightest movement by the Bulgarians.

The Vienna *Neue Freie Presse* quotes a statesman, who is apparently Chancellor von Bülow, who is now in Austria with the Kaiser, as saying that the Russian, Austrian and German Governments are convinced that peace will not be disturbed

The question is whether Bulgaria can protect the Bulgarian spirit of her national

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A despatch from Salonica, dated Thursday, says a battalion

of redifs attacked a party of Christian gendarmes at Mitrovitza, wounding several. The rest escaped to the Russian consulate, where they are now besieged. The situation is critical. It will be recalled that the Russian consul at Mitrovitza was murdered

There is a report from Turkish sources of an engagement near Okhridu, in which 300 Bulgarians, including many officers, were killed. One officer of high rank wore a Russian decoration.

says it is calculated that there are about 20,000 Macedonian refugees along the frontier between Bourgas and Kostendil, and the number is constantly increasing. They are all eagerly anticipating the day of reckoning with the Turks, but many

are compelled to remain inactive because of a lack of arms and ammunition. The revolutionary committees are apparently unable to keep pace with the demand for rifles, and the weapons are arriving slowly and irregularly.

Another despatch from Samakoy to the

Times says: "The American college here has been informed that more than 3,000 refugees from the vilayet of Adrianople are now at Bourgas and neighboring villages in a condition of extreme destitution. They bring the usual tales of rapine by

the troops in the bashi-bazouk districts of Lozen, Kirk-Kilisse and Vasiliko. Little is known as yet of the real state of affairs in those remote regions which no foreigner is allowed to penetrate."

The ex-Senator Will Be Able to Return to This City in Ten Days.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Sept. 18.—The improvement in the condition of ex-Senator Fred S. Gibbs continued to-day. He prob-

ably will be able to return to New York on Sept. 28, which is about the usual time of closing his cottage. Dr. Ackerman said to-night that unless something unforeseen occurs Mr. Gibbs may be removed at that date without danger or discomfort.

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